

55. If any free negro sold under the two preceding sections, shall not within ten days from the end of the term for which he was sold, leave the State, or hire himself to some respectable white person to serve as a slave for a year, then he shall be again sold as therein directed, and in like manner he may be sold in each and every successive year thereafter.

56. The purchaser of any free negro sold by virtue of the three last preceding sections, shall pay out of the purchase money the sum of five dollars to the informer, if there be one, and the sum of one dollar to the justice, and the cost and charges, including ten per centum as commissions to the sheriff or constable, and the residue of the purchase money he shall secure by bond with security to the sheriff, for the use of said negro at the end of the year, which bond shall be then assigned to such negro.

57. The children of any free negro sold under the provisions of this article, may be bound as apprentices.

TUMULTUOUS ASSEMBLAGES OF NEGROES AND SLAVES.

58. No free negroes or slaves shall assemble at, or attend any meetings for religious purposes, unless conducted by a white licensed or ordained preacher, or some respectable white person of the neighborhood, duly authorized by such licensed or ordained preacher to be present at the continuance of such meeting.

59. If any such meeting shall be held without being conducted as aforesaid, it shall be considered as unlawful and tumultuous, and the nearest constable, or any other civil officer knowing of such meeting, or being informed thereof, shall repair to such meeting and disperse the said negroes.

60. If any constable shall fail to comply with the provisions of the preceding section, he shall be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars.

61. All negro camp meetings, and all other out door protracted negro meetings, are hereby declared to be unlawful and tumultuous meetings, and shall be suppressed, and the negroes there assembled punished as hereinbefore directed.

62. The provisions herein contained respecting unlawful and tumultuous meetings, not to apply where any owner or employer